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OFFICIAL REPORTS OF SOCIETIES

IN CHARGE OF
MARY E. THORNTON



[We must ask contributors to this department to make their reports as concise as possible, omitting all mention of regular routine business, and stating such facts as are of special interest to absent members or to the profession at large. The JOURNAL has already increased its reading pages from sixty-four to eighty, and it must keep within these limits for at least the remainder of the present year. In order to do this all of the departments are being condensed to make room for our constantly increasing items of interest.—ED.]

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ OF THE UNITED STATES

THE fifth annual convention of this body was held in Chicago May 1, 2, and 3, the president, Miss Annie Damer, in the chair. The attendance was large, nearly every one of the fifty-four societies having a membership in the National Association being represented.

Miss Julia Lathrop made the address of welcome, and right royally did Chicago welcome the delegates. The reception at the St. Luke's Nurses' Home, the luncheon given by the alumnae associations of the Illinois Training-School, the Mercy, the Michael Reese, and the St. Luke's Hospitals, the tea at St. Barnabas Guild rooms, the "At Home" given by the Illinois Training-School, and the "At Home" at "Hull House" were occasions to be remembered. The clinic held by Dr. Murphy was greatly appreciated by those fortunate enough to be present. Thanks are due Messrs. Swift & Co., Libby, McNeil & Co., and Armour & Co. for their courteous invitations to visit the plant at the Union Stock Yards.

Mrs. Hunter Robb was elected honorary president of the association and the following officers for the coming year: President, Miss Mary M. Riddle; first vice-president, Miss Harriet Fulmer; second vice-president, Miss Sara Rudden; treasurer, Miss Tamar E. Healy; secretary, Miss Mary E. Thornton.

A detailed account of the proceedings will be published in the July number of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

MARY E. THORNTON,
Secretary.

THE BUFFALO NURSES' ASSOCIATION WILL NOT AFFILIATE

"WHEREAS, The New York State Nurses' Association at its last two meetings did adopt a constitution and by-laws which must result to the disadvantage of the nursing profession and which defeats the objects for which said association was organized, and were adopted, as we believe, against the wishes and judgment of a majority of the nurses of New York State; and

"WHEREAS, We desire a State organization of nurses for nurses, and not an organization of nurses for the purpose of advancing the interests of a few, and, believing that no legislation can be obtained unless the coöperation of all nurses and of the medical profession is secured; and

"WHEREAS, The said New York State Nurses' Association admits to membership only graduates of general hospitals and hospitals for the insane, and we

believe that such action is not Christian-like and is unwise, and we believe that nurses from all schools connected with reputable hospitals should be recognized until such time as the nursing and medical professions shall elevate the standard by securing legislation, gradually introducing such changes as will provide for hospitals a general training for pupils; and we believe that a few women have no moral or legal right to discriminate against the recognition of such nurses as are recognized by the laws of the State of New York and its medical profession; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Buffalo Nurses' Association deplores and disapproves the action of the New York State Nurses' Association; and be it further

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association not to affiliate with the New York State Nurses' Association in its present form; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the *Trained Nurse* and to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING for publication.

“JOSEPHINE SNETSINGER,

“Secretary of Buffalo Nurses' Association.”

The above resolutions were read before the Buffalo Nurses' Association at its regular meeting, May 5, and after full and free discussion were carried with only one dissenting vote.

JOSEPHINE SNETSINGER,

Secretary Buffalo Nurses' Association.

BROOKLYN NURSES TO ORGANIZE.

A MEETING of the graduate nurses of Brooklyn, N. Y., will be held in the Hoagland Laboratory on Tuesday, June 17, at two-thirty P.M., for the purpose of organizing a local society.

MARTHA J. PARRY, Secretary.

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS FOR NURSES.

THE Russell House, in Detroit, will be the head-quarters for the annual meeting of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools, to be held in that city in September. Mrs. Gretter writes that it is a delightful and comfortable hotel, having a large “Convention Hall,” which will be used for the meetings of the society. The rates are one dollar and upwards for single rooms, European plan; two dollars and fifty cents for two in a room, or three dollars single room, American plan.

L. L. DOCK, Secretary.

REGULAR MEETINGS

HOSPITAL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, SYRACUSE, N. Y.—At the regular meeting held April 24, 1902, eighteen members were present. A letter was read from the secretary of the auxiliary of the Hospital of the Good Shepherd, informing us that, as a body, we were elected members of the auxiliary on a basis of one dollar for each ten members. A motion was made and carried that we accept this membership, and that the treasurer be authorized to pay the dues.

Miss Gardner read a report of the State Nurses' Meeting, held at Albany, April 15, 1902, giving the constitution and by-laws and full minutes.

The following programme was then presented: Two solos by Miss Frank, accompanied by Miss Ward, of Syracuse University; an interesting talk on current events by Mrs. Louise Benson; a review of G. W. Cable's new book,

"The Cavalier," also some readings from Mr. Dooley, after which a vote of thanks was given the friends who entertained us. A motion was made and carried that we adjourn until three P.M. Saturday.

Minutes of Adjourned Meeting, April 26.

Thirteen nurses were present. There was an informal talk of ways and means of beautifying the grounds surrounding the Nurses' Home. A committee of three was appointed for doing something in this line in coöperation with the committee of the Woman's Auxiliary and the hospital authorities.

It was resolved to hold a reception for the next graduating class at the Nurses' Club.

A motion was made and carried that the secretary notify all the members, at least two weeks previous to the June meeting, of a proposed amendment to the constitution, said amendment to allow a permanent standing committee for the Nurses' Club.

A motion was made and carried that the Hippocratic oath now administered to the graduates of the Training-School be printed with the code of ethics, and that arrangements be made whereby all graduates who have not already taken the oath and who desire to do so might have the privilege. Adjournment followed.

EVA M. GARDNER,
Corresponding Secretary.

UTICA, N. Y.—The annual meeting of the Saxton Hospital Alumnae was held in the Florence Nightingale Home on Tuesday, March 11, the principal business of the meeting being the election of officers for the coming year. After adjournment tea was served and the president, Miss O'Neil, presented, on behalf of the alumnae, the school pin to Miss Cadmus, the superintendent of nurses.

CHICAGO.—An alumnae association of the Augustana Hospital Training-School was organized July 12, 1901. Monthly meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month in the chapel of the hospital. A feature of each meeting is a paper contributed by some member. The thanks of the alumnae are due the superintendent of nurses, Miss Pickhardt, for her interest and encouragement in the work of organization, which was rendered the more complete on the occasion of the Fifth Annual Convention of the Associated Alumnae, when the Augustana Alumnae was admitted to full membership in that society.

BROOKLYN.—The regular monthly meeting of Brooklyn Hospital Alumnae was held May 6. Twenty-one members were present. Six new members were added to our number.

An interesting discussion took place as to ways and means of raising money to increase our sick-fund, thus enabling us to give larger benefits to sick members. No action was taken in the matter.

The meeting was then adjourned, after which coffee and cake were served.

ORANGE, N. J.—A regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Orange Training-School for Nurses was held at 475 Main Street, March 19, 1902, at three P.M.

There were twenty-one members present and six new names were proposed for membership.

The question was again brought before the meeting as to the advisability of the association becoming an incorporated body. A discussion followed, and it was then decided by vote in favor of this, and a committee of two was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The subject of the new Isolation Infirmary for Graduate Nurses was then introduced, and a vote of thanks was given the governors of the Orange Training-School for the interest they have taken in this matter. Various other items of business were then discussed. At the close of the meeting Dr. W. Granberry was introduced and gave an interesting address on osteopathy, after which a vote of thanks was given Mrs. Stephens and the meeting was adjourned. A pleasant social time with music followed.

BOSTON.—The regular monthly meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Boston and Massachusetts General Hospital Training-Schools for Nurses was held at the Thayer Library, March 25, Miss M. E. P. Davis, president, in the chair. There were thirty-eight members present.

Miss Riley offered a motion that the treasurer be empowered to purchase one dozen badge-pins of the National Council of Women at seventy-five cents each, in order that members desiring the pin might be supplied by her.

Miss E. A. Anderson moved to amend the motion by substituting for the words "be empowered to purchase" the words "be authorized to receive subscriptions for." The motion as amended was carried.

The subject for discussion, viz.: "The Directories vs. The Nurses," was then taken up. Miss Davis and Miss Perry raised the question as to whether we needed directories or not. Miss Rice thought that each school should provide a directory for its own graduates.

Much interesting discussion of the subject took place, but no definite suggestion was made looking to a remedy for some of the present evils. Upon motion of Miss Riley the meeting adjourned to the gymnasium for a social chat and a cup of tea.

ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE NURSES OF MANHATTAN AND BRONX.—On the evening of April 5 a number of graduate nurses in New York City met at 143 East Thirty-fifth Street to discuss the advisability of forming a local association. Between thirty and forty were present.

Miss M. W. McKechnie acted as chairman pro tem. and Miss Anna M. Wakefield as secretary.

Miss L. L. Dock was present and explained the object of the New York State Association and the lines on which it was being formed, and advocated the forming of local societies of nurses for representation in the State Association.

Miss M. E. Thornton, secretary of the National Alumnae, also made some remarks on the relation of local associations to the State organization.

After numerous questions and some discussion, Miss M. L. Daniels expressed the sense of the meeting in the following motion:

"That those present not already connected with other local organizations form themselves into a society for the purpose of aiding and securing State legislation and registration for nurses, and also for the advancement of our mutual aims and interests."

This motion was carried by a rising vote.

It was moved that a committee of three be appointed to draw up a constitution.

Miss A. S. Bussell, Miss A. E. Kirchoff, and Miss M. L. Daniels were appointed. The chairman, Miss Bussell, made the following report: "This association shall be known as 'The Association of Graduate Nurses of Manhattan and Bronx.' The objects of this association shall be to aid in securing State legislation and registration for nurses, to elevate the professional standard, and to cultivate and cherish a feeling of good-fellowship among the members. The officers of this association shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer." This constitution was adopted as it stood.

On motion, those present became charter members on signing the constitution and paying an initiation fee of one dollar.

A committee to nominate officers was appointed by the chair and the following were elected by ballot: President, Miss M. W. McKechnie; vice-president, Miss A. E. Kirchoff; secretary, Miss T. Spring-Rice; treasurer, Miss A. Wakefield. A committee of five was appointed to draft by-laws for the association, to report at the next meeting.

This meeting was held at 321 East Fifteenth Street. The report of the By-Laws Committee was read by Miss M. L. Daniels, chairman. The articles were taken up one by one, freely discussed, and amendments made, but no definite action was taken.

At the next meeting, held May 5, the consideration of the by-laws was again taken up, and after all amendments had been made they were finally adopted.

The association will meet again the first Monday in June, after which regular meetings will be suspended until October. It is now the duty of all graduate nurses not connected with other societies of nurses to affiliate themselves with this organization, in order that they may come in touch with the many vital questions affecting the profession of nursing at the present time. Applications may be sent to the president, Miss McKechnie, 5 Livingston Place, New York City.

BELLEVEUE, N. Y.—The last meeting of the season was held at Sanford Hall, Flushing, L. I., at the invitation of Mrs. Brown.

At the end of a short business meeting a particularly delightful social function was enjoyed by the thirty-five or forty nurses present. Mrs. Brown was assisted in dispensing hospitality and in giving a gracious welcome to all by Misses Cleary and Harrington, both of the Class of 1893, and by Mrs. Brown's two nieces, the Misses Remsen.

The hall was transformed into a veritable fairyland by the liberal decorations of spring flowers. After a delicious and dainty menu the party strayed through the gardens and lawns, which surely must be at their best season, so lovely were they.

Shortly after five, with many regrets at the transitoriness of pleasant things, the party broke up, one and all emphatic in their expressions of appreciation of the kind thought of their hostess, who had planned so happy an innovation for "old time's sake."

NEW YORK.—The annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of New York Hospital Training-School was held on April 9, 1902, when the following officers and directors were elected: President, Miss A. Twitchell, superintendent Smith Infirmary, Staten Island; first vice-president, Miss K. Sanborn, superintendent St. Vincent's Hospital, New York City; second vice-president, Miss A. Good-

rich, superintendent St. Luke's Hospital, New York City; secretary, Miss E. Denike, 54 East Forty-ninth Street, New York City; treasurer, Miss M. J. Allen, 49 West Forty-fourth Street, New York City. Directors—Miss Irene Sutcliffe, superintendent New York Hospital; Miss Anderson, assistant superintendent Sloane Maternity; Miss Aroline Clarke, 54 East Forty-ninth Street; Miss Marion Wilson, 54 East Forty-ninth Street; Miss A. B. Duneau, 116 East Eighteenth Street.

During the past year there have been eighteen new members elected, exclusive of thirteen who joined at our annual meeting, making a total of two hundred and eighty-five members, one hundred and thirty-two of these being club members, forty-nine of whom are resident and eighty-three non-resident.

The alumnae has reason for great thankfulness in the growth in the past year, growth not only in the way of larger membership, but a decided broadening of interest. In a small way they have contributed to the work in the Nurses' Settlement on Seventy-eighth Street by supplying funds for teachers in singing and dancing among the East Side poor.

A short course in parliamentary procedure by Miss Adele B. Fields was given in the lecture-room of the Training-School. Many outsiders, as well as our own nurses, availed themselves of this opportunity for further study of that subject so useful in conducting meetings.

It is our sad duty to report the death of Mrs. Brewster Booth, who died September 16, 1901.

The only drawback at our annual meeting was the enforced absence through illness of our beloved superintendent, Miss Irene Sutcliffe, to whom, on motion regularly seconded and unanimously carried, were sent greetings on this our anniversary.

BROOKLYN.—The annual meeting of the Long Island College Hospital was held April 1, 1902, at the hospital. A large number were present. After the reports were read and the business meeting over refreshments were served, followed by a delightfully social hour. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Twing and the retiring officers for their work during the past year.

Officers for the year 1902: President, Miss Anna Davids, Richmond Hill, Long Island, N. Y.; first vice-president, Mrs. F. W. Russell, 661 Ocean Avenue, Flatbush; second vice-president, Miss S. M. Nelson, 127 West Twenty-first Street, Manhattan; recording secretary, Miss A. Jensen, 7 Hanson Place; corresponding secretary, Miss C. Hall, 163 Congress Street; treasurer, Miss H. E. Burdick, L. I. C. Hospital; secretary and treasurer of sick-fund, Miss E. G. Brown, 634 East Twenty-third Street, Flatbush; Executive Committee—Miss E. G. Brown, Miss S. Burges, Miss M. L. Fraser, Miss S. M. Nelson, Miss J. E. O. Daly.

PITTSFIELD, MASS.—The quarterly meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association was held April 2 at the hospital, eleven members being present.

It was decided that the association furnish an obstetrical room in the new hospital which has just been completed. Mrs. S. N. Russell has furnished and endowed a room in the hospital for the benefit of the graduate nurses, a gift which will be highly appreciated by the nurses.

The first annual report of the visiting nurses was read. This work is done by graduate nurses without any charge to the patients. The report shows that

a total number of fifteen hundred and twenty-eight visits were made during the year. Five obstetrical cases were attended, one operative case, and several cases of acute sickness. Most of the work, however, was among that class of patients known to us all as chronic.

Money, clothing, medical supplies, and free transportation on the Pittsfield Street Railway for the nurses on duty are among the many gifts that have been received by the nurses during the year.

The Union for Home Work has invited the nurses to send a representative to their board.

THE *alumnæ* of St. Vincent's Training-School held its annual business meeting at the hospital on the first Friday of May. The election of officers was by ballot, the following members being chosen: President, Miss Julia M. Donohue; vice-president, Miss Caroline Marques; second vice-president, Miss B. Murphy; treasurer, Miss Anna Moore; corresponding secretary, Miss Alice G. Ryan; financial secretary, Miss Nellie Evers. The hospital will hold a fair on the grounds, Eleventh Street and Seventh Avenue, New York City, on June 2, 3, and 4, afternoon and evening. The *alumnæ* are to have a special booth. All are cordially invited.

[A number of reports have been received too late for this issue.—Ed.]

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF NURSES

REPORT read by Miss M. A. Nutting, president of the American Federation of Nurses, at the National Council of Women in Washington, February, 1902:

"The American Federation of Nurses is a very young organization, representing perhaps the very oldest of all the professions, for history does not carry us back to a time so remote or so primitive that we cannot trace the beginnings out of which what we call the profession of nursing has been evolved. That evolution has been, it is true, slow, so slow that it appeared in its present form within the last quarter of a century, and that portion of it which entitles us to present ourselves here to-day does not cover even one decade.

"Our Federation of Nurses is composed of two societies—the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools and the Trained Nurses' Associated *Alumnæ* of the United States. The first of these societies is the oldest. It was organized in Chicago in the year of the World's Fair, 1893. The Medical Congress held then included a subsection on nursing, which brought together superintendents of nursing schools and hospitals representing both America and England. At the suggestion of the chairman of the Nursing Congress, Miss Isabel Hampton, then superintendent of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training-School and the most notable woman whom the nursing profession in America has produced, the Society of Superintendents was formed. Intended to unite the heads of training-schools and all nurses in executive and teaching work in a common effort to improve the nursing profession, this society has grown and fulfilled to a marked degree the objects for which it was formed.

"Its definite aims have been to improve the training-schools by establishing universal requirements for admission, a more thorough and extensive curriculum, and a longer period of training, shorter hours of duty, and better quarters and conditions for pupils generally, and to enlarge and emphasize the woman's share in making hospitals what they should be. Much has been accomplished

in all of these directions, and it has been the privilege of this society to give the first impetus in the following special directions,—the organizing of a national association of graduate nurses, the establishment of a nursing periodical, the providing and maintaining a course in hospital economics at Teachers College, Columbia University, to train women for teachers of nursing. Originally numbering thirteen members, the society has now grown to about one hundred and thirty. The other branch of our federation is the Trained Nurses' Associated Alumnae, which came into existence in 1896. As before stated, this was the direct work of the Superintendents' Society, which wished to develop in their graduates a sense of the grave responsibilities of their profession and the necessity of organization in order to meet some of its pressing problems. This association has a membership of about three thousand three hundred women and consists of local groups of alumnae societies affiliated together. These local groups were originally formed and are still growing on very much the same basis—that of fellowship, the advancement of professional interests, the establishment of clubs, homes, and registries, and the special object of providing aid in illness or time of trouble. From these aims have grown the wider ones of education and a desire to give of their ability to society in general.

"At the International Congress held in London in 1899 the idea of an International Council of Nurses was suggested by Mrs. Fenwick in the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and was encouraged by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, who met English nurses in these gatherings and who, at a meeting of a nursing section at which she presided, spoke informally to American nurses present on the subject of joining the National Council of Women of America, and through this being enabled to form international relationships. The following year in correspondence with Mrs. Sewall on this subject the development of organization among nurses was described to her, and her advice was that our existing organizations be federated, allowing us to enter the National Council of Women as a National Council of Nurses. This was readily accomplished by the voice of the two societies, and last year our federation was completed and we were admitted into membership with your organization, and are now presenting ourselves for the first time to take our part in your triennial.

"Our extreme youth gives us little to report of work, which so far has been almost entirely confined to building up our structure of organization. We have for a year and a half published a magazine which we own as well as edit, called *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING*. It stands high as a purely professional journal and represents the best things in nursing. We believe it will be a strong and valuable influence in the development of our work. The course of instruction at Teachers College for those desiring to fit themselves for administrative and teaching positions in hospitals is one of the best things we have undertaken, but it is growing but slowly owing to our inability to aid in providing endowments to carry it on. All of our efforts towards the improvement of educational standards for nurses are hampered by the lack of any general realization of the fact that nursing education, like any other kind of education that is worth having, is costly and cannot be properly carried on without teachers, books, and appliances, as well as hospital wards. This is one of our urgent problems. Of other work we are able to report a part in the movement which resulted in placing a trained nurse in charge of our army nursing corps.

"Individual groups and societies have been influential in encouraging district nursing among the poor and hourly nursing for people of moderate means,

also in aiding the various organized charities, and in sanitary and school work in restricting contagion, and preventive work generally.

"As a federation we are endeavoring to encourage in every way an international movement among nurses.

"Our first International Congress was held last summer at Buffalo, and was attended by delegates from England and her colonies, including Australia. There was a daily attendance of about five hundred nurses. Many valuable and interesting papers were read and the enthusiasm of those present and the whole character of the proceedings made the meeting an event of moment in the history of nursing. In view of the importance of our work to the public welfare, the methods by which our workers are trained, our aims, purposes, ideals, and needs are also matters of importance and justify us in claiming the interest and support, so far as is practicable, of this great body with whom we are now united."

MARRIAGES

ON April 9, at the Park Street Congregational Church, Boston, Miss Annie B. Best, graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School, to Mr. John A. Jenkins. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins will reside in Collinsville, Conn.

ON April 30, in Rochester, N. Y., Miss Olive Haywood to Dr. John W. Fitzgerald. Dr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald will reside in Sanford, N. Y.

OBITUARY

At the annual meeting of the Alumnæ Association of the Pittsburg Training-School for Nurses, held on April 11, 1902, in the chapel of the Homœopathic Hospital, the following resolutions were adopted:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased Providence to take from our midst Margaret P. Wright Morgan, former superintendent of the Pittsburg Training-School for Nurses; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That we have lost a friend and faithful teacher, whose every effort while with us was the ennobling of the profession which she so capably represented, and that we owe to her the high standard which the school has attained. Her dignity and personal charm won for the school many friends and patrons. Her ability as an executive officer and disciplinarian made her instructions invaluable; and be it further

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be extended with our deepest sympathy to her bereaved husband, James B. Morgan, Jr., and to her father, Joseph Wright, and that a copy be sent to the *Hospital News*, to the *Trained Nurse and Hospital Review*, to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and a record of the same be made on the minutes of the association.

"N. M. BEBOUT,

"M. E. CLINE,

"M. H. HALLOCK,

"Committee."

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Miss Jennie Weston, of Brooklyn, Pa. She died of heart disease on March 29, 1902, at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Miss Weston graduated from the Training-School for Nurses of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital in 1898.

"WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to take her unto Himself; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That we, the members of the Alumnae Association of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital Training-School, tender our sympathy to her bereaved family; and furthermore be it

"*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her mother and published in THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

"J. ADELAIDE PRENTIS,

"AVA DOUGLAS CALKINS,

"EVA HALL."

WHEREAS, through Omniscient Wisdom, we, the Nurses' Alumnae of the Allegheny General Hospital, mourn once again the loss of a sister nurse, Miss Martha Thompson; be it therefore

Resolved, That to the immediate friends and relatives we extend our sincerest sympathy and love. The days of our lives bring ever with them the snowy-winged Dove of Peace or the Raven of Despair—how oft the latter, which even over our sunniest hours throws its sombre shadow, bidding us look away to the strand where there is no sorrow, and the Dove alone is the fair symbol of all that enters there; and again be it

Resolved, That we commit to our records our expressions of love for our sister nurse, and our appreciation of her beautiful character.

When we, too, shall stand at the threshold of the Great Unknown, ready to lift the latch and pass on, may it be with the knowledge of a life devoted to those things which shall go with us beyond the tomb.

